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Academic Library Division

Vice-Chair/Chair Elect

William Brogdon



William Brogdon

William Brogdon is an assistant professor and reference services librarian on the Cumming campus of the University of North Georgia. His research focus includes nontraditional graduate and undergraduate students as well as board game-related pedagogy. He has served as chair and vice-chair of the scholarship committee, treasurer of AABIG, and most recently on the board of directors of the Bread Coffeehouse at Emory University.

Kristina Clement

Kristina Clement is the student outreach and sponsored programs librarian at Kennesaw State University. While she is new to Georgia and GLA, she is not new to libraries and organizational governance. She has served on several ACRL committees and will be chairing the ACRL IS Communications Committee starting in July 2022. She would very much like to learn more about GLA and the GLA ALD, and she thinks that serving as the vice-chair/chair-elect would be an excellent way to learn about academic libraries in Georgia and contribute to her community through a leadership role. She has strong leadership skills and an administrative nature. She would be honored to serve in this role.



Kristina Clement

Secretary

Sheeji Kathuria



Sheeji Kathuria

Sheeji Kathuria is the instruction & honors college librarian and assessment coordinator at Georgia State University Library. Her research interests include social media management and

reference services assessment. She received her MLIS from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Georgia. Sheeji has been an active member of GLA ALD since 2020, and was the 2021 winner of the ALD research paper competition. She looks forward to the opportunity to take an active leadership role in the committee and collaborate with other academic librarians in the state of Georgia.

New Members Roundtable Division

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Kelly Williams

Kelly Williams (she/her) is a supervisory librarian at the Suwanee branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library. She has worked in public libraries for eight years. She is a 2022 ALA Emerging Leader, working to improve ALA's New Members Round Table. Kelly serves the Georgia Library Association as the founding chair of the Programming Interest Group as GLA secretary for 2022, and as a copy editor for *Georgia Library Quarterly*. She contributed to the creation of GLA's current strategic plan and has hosted or spoken at three Learn & Share events for two interest groups. A member of the Public Library Division, she plans to pursue leadership in that division in the future. Her professional interests include children's STEM programming, freedom to read, and library leadership.

If chosen as vice-chair of the NMRT, Kelly will actively contribute to the workings of the



Kelly Williams

division, continuing to promote the goals and activities of the group, including the mentoring initiative and PracticeCon. Additionally, she will seek out new ideas from GLA, organize events for members, actively promote diversity and equity within the organization, and provide guidance and support for anyone interested in getting more involved in GLA.

Secretary

Justin Ellis



Justin Ellis

Although I'm a relatively new member of GLA, I have worked in academic libraries for nearly 15 years. I am currently a public services lead at the Georgia Institute of Technology Library,

where I am the service owner for the library's circulating equipment program called Gadgets. In my current role, I work with students, information technology professionals, and library stakeholders to identify and meet user needs for multimedia technology. I earned my undergraduate degree in art history from the University of Georgia and completed my MLIS and M.Ed. through Valdosta State University.

My goal over the next year is to foster collaboration and communication with library partners across the state through the Georgia Library Association. I also hope to engage with library staff members who, like me, may have remained on the sidelines of our profession for too long. I want to contribute authentically in any way I can, promoting our shared values while fostering our mission of outreach and inclusive access to resources and services.

School Library Media Specialist Division

Vice-Chair

John Stephens

John Stephens is the assistant director for licensing and collections at GALILEO. John is a longtime member of GLA who has served as an officer for several interest groups and is a former chair of the School Library Media Division.



John Stephens

Secretary

Tanya Hudson



Tanya Hudson

Tanya Hudson is the school librarian at Chase Street Elementary School in Athens, Georgia, where she works as a teacher-leader in instructional technology and collaborates with colleagues to foster a lifelong love of reading and learning. She

believes in the power of stories to enrich students' understanding of themselves, each other, and the world around them.

Growing up in Hartwell, Georgia, Tanya's weekly trips to the public library sparked her enduring love of stories, leading her to earn a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Georgia in 2003. While teaching high school literature and composition from 2004–2009, Tanya returned to UGA for graduate school, earning a master's degree in language and literacy education and a specialist degree in instructional technology.

In 2009, Tanya began her current role as a school librarian for the Clarke County School District, where she serves on CCSD's Media Specialist Leadership Team (2021–present). In 2021, she was selected as Teacher of the Year for Chase Street Elementary and for the Clarke County School District.

As GLMS secretary, Tanya aspires to help foster authentic connections between Georgia's K–12 school libraries and its public library programs and to work with academic librarians on improving K–12 information literacy programming to prepare students for college and beyond. A fierce advocate for intellectual freedom and diverse representation, Tanya also hopes her work with GLA will help ensure that all Georgia library patrons have full access to programming and collections that reflect the true diversity of our state.

Tanya lives with her husband Micah, third grader Melvie, and two cats in a century-old house near her school in Athens; in her spare time, she is an adventurous cook, an amateur aerialist and dancer, and (of course) an avid reader

GLMA Liaison

Ifeude Hill



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the City Schools of Decatur.

Ifeude has a long history of grant writing and collaborative community engagement. Ifeude's

Ifeude Hill is a certified school librarian and instructional technologist and serves as the Decatur High School librarian and district lead librarian for

work is centered around securing innovative literacy, cultural and technology funding, and resources for the students, parents, and staff she serves. In addition to receiving several local and state grants, Ifeude was the 2017 DeKalb County Teacher Librarian of the Year. In 2018–2019, Ifeude was awarded training grants for the ALA Great Stories Club "Deeper than our skin" Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT) book club and for being a racial healing practitioner. Ifeude served as a cochair for the Metro Area Georgia Library Media Association from 2020–2022 and currently serves on the GALILEO Development Advisory Committee.

Jackie Blanton-Watkins is an acquisitions & licensing librarian at Kennesaw State University and a member of GLA's Nominations & Elections Committee